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Application for water for wet lands under the Tungabhadra in Bellary.

159 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether the question of dispensing with application for water for wet lands under the Tungabhadra channels in the Bellary district is engaging the consideration of the Government ;

(2) whether the Department of Public Works which at present disposes of applications for the use of water is of opinion that the existing arrangement requiring applications for water may be done away with ; and

(3) whether the Executive Engineer met the ryots of Hospet in conference at Kamalapur on the 3rd December 1923 and whether the ryots prayed for the discontinuance of the existing practice in regard to water application on any or all of the following or other grounds :—

(*a*) undue delay in the grant of applications ;

(*b*) needless expenditure on scribes and mamuls to subordinate officers ;

(*c*) excessive and unnecessary work to the Public Works Department officials who have to register and pass orders and issue them, preserving copies thereof ;

(*d*) needless cost to the ryots when they have to take delivery of the copies of the orders sent to them by 'unpaid' post ?

A.—(1) & (2) The answer is in the negative.

(3) The Government have no information.

Jails.

Jail reforms.

160 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) if they have carried out any of the recommendations (on jail reforms) made by the Indian Jails Committee (1919–20) ;

(*b*) if so, what they are ; and

(*c*) what recommendations of the Jail Committee they intend to carry out in the near future ?

A.—A statement which will answer the hon. Member's question is being prepared and will be laid on the table.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask the hon. the Home Member to give us an idea of the time when he expects the report to be laid on the table ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I hope it will be laid on the table within the next few days. The fact is, we have done a great deal towards carrying out the Jail Committee's recommendations and it will take some time to make a summary of what we have done."

Landing and Shipping Dues Committee.

161 *Q.*—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of ports in the Madras Presidency where 'Landing and Shipping Dues Committees' have been established ;

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(*b*) the constitution of the Committee and whether the Members of the Committee are elected or nominated and by whom and by what constituencies ;

(*c*) whether the contributors to the funds of the Committee have the right of representation on the Committee ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Indian nominations are left to the discretion of the Presidency Port Officer while the European nominations to the Committee are made by the European firms ; and

(*e*) whether there are any rules or regulations governing this Committee and if so, whether the Government will lay on the table a copy of the same ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The following table shows the names of ports at which Landing and Shipping Fees Committees have been instituted and the number of members forming the Committee in each case. The members are all nominated :—

Name of port.	Number of members.
(1) Adirampatnam...	5
(2) Calicut	8
(3) Cuddalore	8
(4) Malpe	8
(5) Mangalore	9
(6) Masulipatam	9
(7) Negapatam	10
(8) Tellicherry	8
(9) Vizagapatam	8

(*c*) The fees are levied on all goods and passengers passing through the ports. The Committees are made up of persons having business at the ports.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) Rules regulating the functions of the Committees were issued under G.O. No. 253, Marine, dated 17th August 1910. A copy is appended.*

Land Revenue.

Land revenue from Anantapur district.

162 Q.—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to furnish information on the following points :—

(i) amount of land revenue derived from Anantapur district during the period the district has been under the British rule ;

(ii) amount spent during the period for

(*a*) repairing any irrigation sources,

(*b*) constructing protective works of irrigation, and

(*c*) constructing productive works of irrigation ;

(iii) amount spent on famine-relief works during the period ; and

(iv) amount of remissions granted during the period—

(*a*) for dry and

(*b*) for wet ?

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